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American Imperialism - The Worst Enemy of the Baltic States.

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. . . Old American spy Herter, who for his spying purposes got acquainted with Germany's prisons, now is the US Secretary of State. Yet a spy cannot exist without the job he was appointed to and therefore he continues his spying activities. When he was locked behind the bars he was unknown and his disappearance was not noticed. But how is he going to get out of trouble now when the whole world learned that he had organised the spy-flight of the U-2 over Soviet territory?

Herter does his best to get out of this very unpleasant situation, using his sluggards and footmen in order to save his blackened reputation.

In a recent reception to honour the non-existent envoys of bourgeois Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, Herter promised them that they all will return to their free countries and as before be the leaders of their respective homelands. American imperialists have always watched the Baltic States with keen eyes; not only because of their rich resources, their geographical situation or closeness to Russia and White-(Byelo)Russia but because the Americans have always tried to make spying centres out of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. This is the reason why this shrewd spy encourages the former leaders of the Baltic States - so much hated by the Baltic peoples. These gentlemen as obedient servants ask Herter: "Sir, your orders please?"

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The former bourgeois envoy of Latvia, Spakke recently published a book in which he said that the Peoples' Parliament in Latvia became illicit because of the Soviet rule. The Latvian people laugh at that and will testify that there is no power on earth that could split them off from the other brotherly Soviet Republics.

The US Government sheds crocodile tears because of having to abandon the "good times" - when they could handle things their own way. Even recently Under-secretary of State Kohler wrote a letter (naturally with Herter's consent) to the Baltic immigrants, assuring them that the US will keep a close eye on the Baltic States and refuses to recognise the incorporation of Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian Republics into the Soviet Union.

Lately the Baltic Republics have frequently been visited by foreigners. There were also people among the tourists, who had left the Baltic countries a few years ago. One of them, a Lithuanian, who had left his country in the thirties said: "All of you here are very lucky and fortunate". The greater the progress of the Baltic people, the more it causes anger among the American imperialists. They try to organise a revolution and for that reason spies are sent to our area. We have caught them all and they admitted that they were sent by the American Intelligence organisation.

We have not yet forgotten that ten years ago, in April 1950, an American bomber flew over the peaceful town of Liepaja. At that time the President of the US was Truman; Eisenhower was the NATO Commander. The American Intelligence organisation makes much use of emigre centres and organisations. Latvian emigre leaders in the US, Sweden and West-Germany are the most hated persons in Latvia,

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who served bourgeois nationalists in the so-called independent times of this country. During the war, they served Hitler for years; now they serve Dulles and Herter. They all are traitors. Look who they are: Hitlerites SS Colonel Jamms and Noake (?), Major Hassners, Professor Lejins, lawyer Abakuks, Bishop Grinbergs and Rancans as well as others, who have founded various organizations, such as Daugavas Vanagi, Latviesu Nacionala Padome - which actually are branch-offices of the American Intelligence.

The emigres want to please their masters, therefore they try to enlarge the scale of espionage, using all possible means and methods. One of the Latvian emigree leaders, spy Reinhardt recently stated: Gift parcels and letters are also material and moral weapons. Only bums serve the American Intelligence. Latvian as well as Estonian and Lithuanian people will never welcome nor support the imperialist stooges.

Herter's announcement about the Baltic States is deplorable and full of hatred. Herter tries to picture the situation in the Baltic countries as if the Balts were waiting for the Americans to liberate them from the Soviets. This is a well-known old tune. The Baltic peoples did not fight and did not shed their blood for the sole purpose of returning to the damned past - too well known to most of them. When after the October Revolution Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania established the Soviet regime, Germany, the US, Great Britain and France began a campaign against the new Soviet Republics and with the help of military power succeeded to force the Balts accept the hated bourgeois regime . . .

. . . For 20 years, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were ruled by the peoples' enemy, supported by the imperialists overseas. They prevented the development of industry; instead they supported small enterprises with only a few workers. The

workers had to live and work under miserable conditions. The train engines were old and outdated, supply of electric power was poor. During the period 1935-39, the taxes for farming goods were raised 60%. From 1935-1940, 26,000 farms were liquidated (?). Latvia was a slave serving American imperialists. A special treaty with the US was signed by Latvia on September 24, 1925, stating that Latvia owed the US 5 million dollars for surplus goods received during the war. By April, 1933, the debt had increased by 2 million dollars, totalling 7 million dollars. America sold goods to Latvia that nobody else would buy. The 1928 issue of Latvian magazine "Ekonomists" stated that Latvia had to pay 25-50% more for what the Americans sold than the goods were worth in the US.

Behind the veil of the US relief organizations in the Baltic States, American Intelligence was very active, - particularly the famous ARA organization, who did by no means support the starved people but instead established an economical and political spy-net on a large scale. The American "benefactors" organized the so-called children's relief which was headed by spy Thomas Orbison(?).

US Army Colonel Gruz (?) was the man to decide if the Baltic peoples would live or starve to death since he was in charge of the food supplies.

The love of the American imperialists reached for the rich resources in Latvia. They are not content that the Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians have thrown them out and are building their lives without the assistance of the US.

We love the shores of the Baltic Sea as well as the Ural where the American plane was shot down. American aggression will bring about more alertness and powerful support for the dear Communist Party. The 20th anniversary will pave the road of the three Baltic peoples to the sparkling heights of Communism.

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